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AGENDA

May 21, 2009

8:30 AM

Athens Community Park Building

Athens, IL 62613

Meeting Called to Order by David Butt, Chairman

Moment to Remember Fallen Firefighters in Illinois

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (03/19/2009)

Introductions

Recognition of LEPC Members and Visitors

Old Business

Emergency Coordinator's Report on Progress of Site Specific Planning Project

Project Progress

Funding Available through HMEP Grant

2008 Tier 2 Forms Received in 2009

Department of Homeland Security "Chemical Security Assessment Tool"

Strategic National Stockpile Regional Exercise

Update of Sangamon County Emergency Operations Plan

Large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)

New Business

Implications of H1N1 Influenza

Other Business

Other Business Old or New

Next Meeting: September 24, 2009 at OEM Building (Springfield)

Enjoy your Summer

Motion to Adjourn

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – May 21, 2009

Call to Order - The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:34 am, at the Athens Community Park Building, Athens IL 62613. The Chair thanked Tricia Baker for being our hostess and opening the park building for our use. A moment was taken to remember fallen firefighters who were honored last week at the Firefighter's Memorial. The Chair informed the LEPC that he had been notified that Brian Churchill's father had passed away last weekend. If a person can be measured by the qualities of his off-springs, Brian and Brad Churchill are our evidence that Mr. Churchill was a fine man.

Members present included: Tricia Baker, Athens Police Department; John Brennan, Memorial Medical Center; David Butt, Sangamon County Office of Emergency Management; Alicia Davis, Menard County Health Department; Tracy Garrison, Sangamon County GIS; Larry Graf, Menard County EMS; Matt Helms, Springfield Fire Department (retired); Pat Metz, City Water, Light & Power (CWLP); Dick Rentschler, MABAS Division 48; Bill Russell, Sangamon County Rescue Squad; Dale Simpson, Springfield Fire Department (SFD); Colleen Stone, American Red Cross (ARC); Jim Stone, Sangamon County Department of Public Health (SCDPH); Linda Swartz, SCDPH; and Linda Wheeland, Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Committee.

Approval of the Minutes - Minutes from the LEPC meeting of March 19, 2009, were distributed via e-mail prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Linda Swartz, seconded by Linda Wheeland and approved unanimously to accept the minutes from March 19, 2009.

Introductions - Self-introductions were made by the members in attendance. Four visitors were recognized: Jason Sukut from Menard County EMA, Louie Rogers from St. John's Hospital, Kathy Allen from the State Emergency Response Committee (SERC) and Linda Bradbury from ARC.

Old Business

Emergency Coordinator's Report on the Site Specific Planning Project – Matt Helms reported on his activities since the March meeting. He made revisions to 6 plans for: the 183rd Air National Guard, Farmers Elevator Co. of Lowder, Rosen's Inc., Lemon Ag Service, Christian County FS and Standard Aero. He is working on the revisions for CWLP, Winfield Solutions, Bunn-O-Matic and AT&T.

AT&T also has 3 facilities which need to have their initial plans written. These sites have added batteries at their buildings, now putting them above the threshold planning quantity (TPQ) of 10,000 pounds of sulfuric acid. Matt will write a new plan for each.

Matt reported that 2 of the operators for sites that we oversee, Verizon Wireless and Metal Décor, have recently contacted him for advice and recommendations on business decisions. We feel that this exemplifies a bond of trust being forged with the facilities which we interact with. This speaks well of how Matt represents himself and the LEPC.

2008 Tier 2 Forms – The Chair announced that through May 20, the LEPC had received 125 Tier 2 Forms: 111 for Sangamon County and 14 for Menard County. Of the 125 received, 75 Tier 2 Forms reported storage of extremely hazardous substances (EHS). Of the 75 facilities with EHS, 53 store EHS above the TPQ.

The Chair distributed a spread sheet pertaining to the 75 EHS facilities. Beyond the 3 AT&T facilities, 8 more need their initial plans written for a total of 11. The summer would be a good time to pursue the 2 anhydrous ammonia dealers in Menard County still in need of plans. Matt's next report to the LEPC will cover 4 months through summer's end.

DHS Chemical Security Assessment Tool – Pat Metz reported that the Department of Homeland Security has put forth information on requirements for site security plans. However, CWLP has not yet been informed whether / when such a plan is required of it.

Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Regional Exercise – Linda Swartz explained the “real world” distribution of the SNS to the SCDPH earlier this month. Alicia Davis, John Brennan and Louie Rogers also received distributions at their facilities. Consequently, the State has canceled the SNS Regional Exercise that had been scheduled for June 3, but Sangamon County will continue to pursue its planned local dispensing exercise to our first responders on the evening of June 4. Alicia explained about paperwork that local health departments will need to complete to get credit for participating in the SNS drop that occurred before dawn on May 8.

Update of Sangamon County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) – At the last LEPC meeting, the Chair explained the process for the EOP update. It was completed in April. The 2007 version of the EOP continues to be posted on the county's FTP server. When it has been replaced by the 2009 version, members of the LEPC will be notified and the procedure to access the document will be reviewed.

Large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) – Kathy Allen reviewed for us how it was that the USEPA pushed oversight of CAFOs onto SERCs and LEPCs. Illinois took a lead toward assuring simplified documents. Paperwork can be submitted electronically. One more filing may be necessary by each CAFO.

New Business

Implications of the H1N1 Influenza – Jim Stone was the first to speak on this topic of H1N1 flu. Our local health-care providers, hospitals and clinics have done well at getting out a consistent message to the public. This matter is far from over in consideration of how the observed virus may mutate in the environs of southern Asia by the time that next winter begins. At all levels up to the World Health Organization, preparatory actions are being taken. John Brennan lauded Illinois' activities over the past 3 weeks saying that we have such a high number of confirmed or probable H1N1 cases because the State got out in front on this topic compared to most others. Louie, Alicia and Linda S. also shared their perspectives on this matter for our group.

Other Business

Department of Energy Focus Group – The Chair and Linda S. were contacted by LEPC member, Al Pinter, to participate with others from the Springfield Police Department's command staff and 2 operations chiefs from SFD in a tabletop exercise pertaining to a HAZMAT accident of an in-transit chemical wrongly routed into the city on South Sixth Street. Matters of initial incident command, transfer of command and tactical response were covered. The purpose of the focus group was to then identify tools and resources that the responders desired to enhance operations.

Conference – Matt attended the Midwest Emergency Preparedness & Response Conference in Rockford on May 6-8, per our desires. Matt participated in a tabletop exercise on behalf of the LEPC on Friday morning. Kathy was a presenter at the conference regarding the system being built for electronic access to Tier 2 forms. The Chair reminded those with the longest service to this LEPC of the year when our March meeting consisted of all members opening envelopes and participating in the physical receipt of that year's Tier 2 forms. We understand them much better for doing this, but look forward to handling this data electronically.

Grant Adjustment Notification (GAN) – Kathy shared with the LEPC the opening remarks in a letter to her from the Chair explaining our need for additional funds to keep our planning project moving forward. We had underestimated the costs associated with expanding our planning district and for the effort involved to assure annual updates of all plans as more and more are being written. Kathy spoke highly of the quality of the work being produced here. Where the request was for at least \$4,000 additional to keep our project on pace, Kathy provided the Chair with a GAN for exactly \$5,000 additional which was signed. We thank Kathy Allen for her support of the LEPCs toward the work which we must do.

Meeting Closure – The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, September 17, 2009, at the OEM Building in Springfield. It will be our annual meeting to which we encourage the public to come if they wish to review any of the site plans that have been written. A report from MABAS Division 48 will be part of that agenda. There will be no meeting in July. All members of the LEPC are encouraged to enjoy their summers. With no further business to be considered, a motion was made by Dale Simpson, seconded by Dick Rentschler and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 am.